



MELISSA'S VOTE IS NOT CAST FOR MR. MICKER.

"Melissa!" exclaimed Mrs. Merrivid, maternal maiden Aunt Jane, with some excitement, "I declare if they haven't taken down those horrid billboards!"

"U-huh," responded Mrs. Merrivid, yawning slightly under cover of her shawl. "I mentioned them to Aldegman Micker last night."

"And they're not only cleaning the alley every morning, they're sweeping it," Aunt Jane continued.

Mrs. Merrivid regarded her ray-fingered thoughtfully. "Is that all?" she asked. "I had an idea that they might put down mosaic tiling. I'm rather disappointed in Mr. Micker."

"Not to speak of the arc light at the corner, said having a policeman put to patrol our part of the avenue," Aunt Jane concluded, a note of triumph in her voice.

"If Mr. Micker were really devoted, he'd patrol the avenue in the stuffy watches of the night, himself," said Mrs. Merrivid. "My heart begins to tell me that he's only a four-furber after all."

"Well, as I've remarked before, you are hard to please," said Aunt Jane. "I should think it would be highly gratifying to have everything done, for you the moment you express a wish. It isn't every woman whose admirer, however devoted, is in a position of such power as to enable him to do such things."

"That is no unpremeditated falsification," admitted Mrs. Merrivid. "You rang the little bell that time, dearie. Mr. Micker certainly has something of a drug. I believe when he adjusts his back and tackle to a public service corporation and leans his mainly bulk against the windlass, he usually yawns."

key at Thanksgiving, he'll attend to it. All you've got to do is to vote early and often. You're doing well now. Just keep it up."

"I'm sure I don't care," Aunt Jane broke in. "I'll vote for him or leave him. It doesn't make any difference to me."

"I guess it wouldn't do," said Mrs. Merrivid, reflectively. "Of course, if he were elected, he might attend to the duties of his office, but the chances are he'd neglect them. And as for that career, it would be too much of a strain on me. I'd be awake nights wondering how long before they'd investigate him, and it's getting so nowadays that no statesman is really safe. Imagine my feelings when I saw him for the first time in a striped suit. No man so stout as he looks well in horizontal stripes."

"I must say I think you're going a little too far, Melissa, my dear," said Aunt Jane.

"I don't say it would go as far as that," Mrs. Merrivid conceded. "But there would be the public gallery, and he'd be in that several times already, and the higher he rises the more he'll have to expose his boot soles to popular execration, and I'd have to give up reading newspapers or else have my tenderest feelings incited by seeing him squeezing a taxpayer to death in the front page cartoon."

"The best of men are maligned," said Aunt Jane.

"Too true!" agreed Mrs. Merrivid. "And Mr. Micker is far, far from being the best of men at that, dearie. There are half a dozen that I could name that would have him bleached to a pale, party blue in comparison. But it's a nice thing to have those billboards down and the arc light close the clean alley and the arc light."



A Very Good Natured, Genial Sort of a Man.

Teaches something. At the same time, he has no hooks attached to little Melissa's untie dangle.

Aunt Jane took up her crochet work and was silent for a moment or two. Then she observed that Mr. Micker was still comparatively young.

"What effect will that have on the Knickerbocker company's ice crop for next season?" queried Mrs. Merrivid.

"I don't exactly understand what you mean," said Aunt Jane, "but I mean that there is a brilliant political career open to him. He may be our next mayor, and then governor, and he may be sent to the United States senate, there's no telling, and even become president."

"I suppose you open your windows and air the room thoroughly after he's been indulging, and that's why I never suspected it before," said Mrs. Merrivid. "What brand do you smoke, dearie?"

"Is there anything to prevent him?" asked Aunt Jane, defiantly.

"Some unfortunates might urge a lack of brains," said Mrs. Merrivid. "But it seems to me that intellect has the essential quality, so well say that the brilliant career is open. They may shut the door when they see him coming, but he won't be delicate about kicking it in. If anybody objects, he'll try to jolly them, and, if that doesn't work, he'll see what a sand-bag will do in the way of outwitting them. Fifty-noon he'll be looking for a single budget in his coat pocket, myself, but he's only in the jolly stage as yet."

"I think he's a very good natured, genial sort of a man," said Aunt Jane.

"He's campaigning now, you see," said Mrs. Merrivid. "He's a candidate for Melissa and he's getting ready for the preferential prize, and he's like to have your infatuation. Of course he's genial. He'll kiss your baby, if you had one, dearie, and you needn't worry about the tur-

and the policeman. So as long as there is no motion to make the temporary organization permanent, we'll let Mr. Micker sit around the parlor once in a while, explaining to the crowd that he's a public utility in equal rights to all and whatever special privileges I can get without committing myself."

"What do you suppose will happen if he insists on committing yourself?" inquired Aunt Jane.

Mrs. Merrivid laid down her champagne rubber and picked up an orange stick. "A landslide," she replied. "An avalanche, a steam roller, a pile of snow under, overwhelmed, crushed to earth, swamped, knocked out and finally rejected. He'll wander out of here with a crowd, stricken with hysterics, babbling incoherently of green fields until some pitying soul takes him home. But, he'll come to the next morning, and he'll be back."

"Come to, where?" inquired Aunt Jane.

"To a conclusion, dearie," said Mrs. Merrivid. "I think he'll conclude I don't want him."

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One Hair Astringent.

A guest at a certain fashionable hotel recently had a grouch. He carried it to the proprietor.

"Look here," he said, "things around here are just about as rotten as they make them. When I went to lunch today I found hair in the ice cream, hair in the honey and hair in the apple sauce. Now, what do you think of that?"

"Well," replied the genial proprietor, "I can explain the hair in the ice cream. That likely came from the shaving of the ice. And I suppose that in the honey came of the comb. But I don't understand about the hair in the apples, they were every one of 'em."

Exchange.

HAVE ARTISTIC CHINA AND KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENT DISEASES

Articles need not be especially expensive.

Care in Selection is the Main Thing and Proper Method of Maintaining Them in the Best Shape is the Next Requirement.

Always select your china and glassware carefully. While it is not wise to have costly china for ordinary use, there is no reason why every piece from the closet to the plate should not be artistic. The most delightful patterns can be purchased just as cheaply as the over-decorated "charity variety." It is a good plan to buy china that can be replaced if any is broken. Many designs come in what is known as "open stock."

The china cupboard usually found is an unsatisfactory place to store china. Plates and dishes not in constant use become dust-covered and discolored. To keep china in a perfect condition it should be cared for properly. This means it should be washed now and then.

When china becomes chipped, discolored or stained, it is not fit for use in the kitchen. Nothing looks worse than a collection of cracked or chipped dishes on the table. No matter how well cooked the meal may be, if served on broken dishes it is not a success.

Unless there is ample room for storage, it is foolish for a housewife to have an oversupply of china.

When the china first comes home from the store, it should be washed. The lifetime of china depends greatly on the way it is washed.

Wrap each piece with an old linen cloth and place in a shallow pan. Cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Boil rapidly for ten minutes, then cool gradually and remove the china. It will not be easily chipped or broken with ordinary use.

Keep special china for all culinary purposes. When it becomes necessary to warm food, use these dishes. Sparkling china and glass are the hallmarks of a well-appointed dining table.

Great care should be observed that each piece of china is thoroughly dried after washing.

How to Iron Embroidery.

The finishing touch in ironing embroidery is very important. If the work is to look really well.

A special cloth should be kept for the purpose, and when hot in use should be wrapped in paper to preserve it from dust or soil.

The best thing for such an ironing cloth is heavy cotton felt, such as is placed over a dining table. Fold a piece of the cloth, and sew the edges together, so that you will have two thicknesses on which to work.

The embroidery should be laid flat on the cloth, with a thin, damp cloth over, and then carefully pressed with a moderately-hot iron.

Great in this way, the embroidery sinks into the yielding substance of the felt, and stands out effectively.

Dutch Salad.

One large cauliflower, one small cabbage, one quart green peas, one cup carrots, chop to suit taste and cook in just water enough to keep from sticking until cauliflower is tender; put one-half cup salt on before adding water. Make a dressing of three cups sugar, one cup flour, two tablespoonfuls mustard, 2 1/2 quarts of cider vinegar; cook until thick and add four tablespoonfuls of celery seed and two tablespoonfuls of tumeric powder to add to pickles and add one quart small onions, chopped, and one dozen large cucumber pickles, also chopped. Let boil up good and bottle while hot. Make nine quarts.

Butter Cakes.

To 2 1/2 cups of flour add three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half cup of sugar, one-half cup of salt, one-half cup of milk and half water. Mix well. Beat the eggs, add one cup of sugar, one cup of flour, two tablespoonfuls of mustard, 2 1/2 quarts of cider vinegar; cook until thick and add four tablespoonfuls of celery seed and two tablespoonfuls of tumeric powder to add to pickles and add one quart small onions, chopped, and one dozen large cucumber pickles, also chopped. Let boil up good and bottle while hot. Make nine quarts.

Frosted Lemon Pie.

Yolks of two eggs and one cup of sugar beaten together. Add two tablespoonfuls of flour, one and one-half cups sweet milk, put in a double boiler and cook till thick. Stir in cream. Take from stove. When cool, beat the yolks of one large lemon. Add a deep plate with crust, pour in the mixture. Bake till the crust is done. Frost with the whites of the eggs. Put back in the oven till the frosting is a delicate brown.

Cleaning a White Felt Hat.

To clean a white felt hat successfully, get some powdered magnesia and mix it into a smooth paste with cold water. With a brush rub this all over the hat, most thickly on the "dirt" parts, and let dry. Then with a clean brush, brush the hat thoroughly and shake off the powder. A second or even third application may be necessary if the hat is very dirty.

Eggs With Cheese.

Beat cup of cream in churning dish, drop one egg at a time into cream and poach a few minutes. When done place egg on hot toast and season with salt and pepper. Lastly drop spoonful of grated cheese on each egg and serve.

RAISING HOGS REQUIRES COMMON SENSE AND KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENT DISEASES

Whitewash and Disinfectants Must Be Used Freely About House and Yards Used for Swine—Animals Affected Must Be Separated and Watched Carefully.

(By PROF. R. A. CRAIG.)

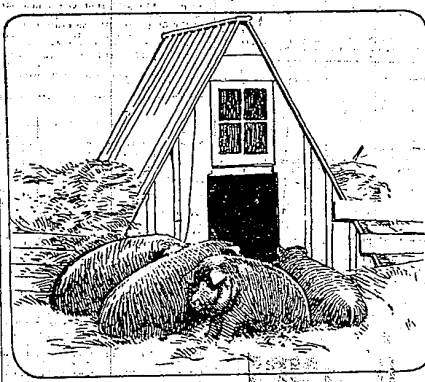
It is very necessary that we recognize the hog cholera and swine plague in the very early stages in order to prevent them from spreading. In some outbreaks the symptoms are not typical and we cannot diagnose the disease by the symptoms alone. In such cases we should destroy a sick hog and make a careful post-mortem examination.

If the disease proves to be hog cholera or swine plague, and it is practical under the conditions, the herd should be divided into small bunches. The sick animals should be separated from the well ones and all possible precautions taken against the spread of the disease.

Do not move the hogs to different parts of the farm, nor scatter the disease over the farm. If the yards and hog houses are in such a condition that they cannot be properly cleaned and disinfected, we should move the herd to some convenient place and build temporary quarters.

When the weather is warm the only protection needed is shade. In cold weather it is necessary to provide quarters warm enough to prevent the hogs from piling up and catching cold. Portable hog houses are very useful for this purpose.

The yards, feeding troughs and hog houses must be kept clean.



Healthy Pigs Are Always Profitable.

All litter must be removed daily, and the frequent spraying of the hogs, feeding troughs and sleeping quarters with a water solution (two per cent or more) of a disinfectant is a necessary part of the work.

Both the sick and well hogs should be fed a light diet of sloppy food, shorts, bran and the like. Water or slop must not be left in the trough for the hogs to wallow in. Colic, a disease which is common in hogs, is caused by the hogs eating food lying in the lot at all times.

A few coals from the wood fire of the kitchen put into the houses now and then, where the hogs can grind them up into charcoal, help to keep the hogs healthy.

Steaming food for hogs is an easy matter. All that is required is a large box connected with a small boiler by a one-inch pipe. The pipe should connect the box at the bottom.

If you are in doubt kill the bigger hog, for it makes better meat and the steam of a light hog is hardly worth curing. If you are fond of the meat, for it divides far too rapidly.

Southern farmers have learned that feeding cottonseed meal in large quantities is a bad business. It often leads to fatalities. Feed in small quantities, however, with corn and alfalfa. It is beneficial.

PROPER CARE OF ALL YOUNG PIGS

Successful Hog Raiser Is Present at Farrowing Time to Prevent Accidents.

Take care of the young pigs. Give them close attention from the time they are farrowed until they are large enough to take care of themselves. Personal attention to one's pigs, says T. H. Wright, assistant to animal husbandry at the Kansas Agricultural College, is the most important essential to a successful hog raising.

The man who cares for and feeds the sow should be with the sow at the time of farrowing. After farrowing about one-half of the litter, the sow will very often get up, turn over and kill about half the pigs already farrowed. So the only way is to be in the shed and remove the pigs as fast as they are farrowed.

See that the pigs are dried properly and put them in a covered box lined with burlap. If the weather is cold, put a jug of hot water or a hot brick in the corner of the box to keep the pigs warm. The jug or bricks should be wrapped to keep the young pigs from being burned.

Reduce the feed of the sow, for a short time after farrowing and give her a thin slop for the first two or three feeds after farrowing. Increase the feed as the pigs get older and as the sow seems to need it.

If the pigs should get too fat, diminish the amount of feed fed to both sow and young. Pigs that are too fat are likely to have scours or thumps. The pigs are best for one sow and one litter may not be best for another. The run of a good pasture should be given them. Alfalfa, clover and rape pasture make good feed for sow and pigs.

If pasture is not available, alfalfa hay may be fed instead; as pigs relish this almost as well as the blunder in the winter, and it can be converted into feed in racks. The yards and pens should be so situated as to receive the maximum amount of sunshine, as it is one of the best means of keeping the pens in a sanitary condition.

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Old Landmark Gone.

The Blaine schoolhouse in Mars Hill up on the hill, the one James O. Blaine honored years ago by giving a bell, which still hangs in the belfry, is no more. It has been converted into a storeroom and moved to another site. A good many bright boys and girls, now old men and women, graduated from the historic building, and no doubt there is a feeling of sorrow as the old schoolhouse leaves the foundation it was built upon years and years ago.—Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

AT A SOUTHERN RESORT.



Doctor Quick—I had a great many more patients last year than I have this. I wonder where they have all gone to?

Mrs. Wink—Well, all we can do, doctor, is to hope for the best.

A DOCTOR'S SLEEP

Found He Had to Leave Off Coffee.

Many persons do not realize that a bad stomach will cause insomnia. Coffee and tea drinking being of an ancient and respectable form of habit, few realize that the drug contained in coffee and tea, is one of the principal causes of dyspepsia and nervous troubles.

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